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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated October 1, 2003, a reply to which is due November 1, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this submission.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this submission.